

UFO SNAPPED 'DOWN UNDER'

Kathy Dickman of Australia's D.C. Research & Analysis Centre sent us this photograph taken about 18 months ago. "The glowing cigar-shaped object was about 50-60 metres away from me when I first noticed it," said Kathy. "It was hovering behind a building that had a very low, long roof approximately 60 metres in length."

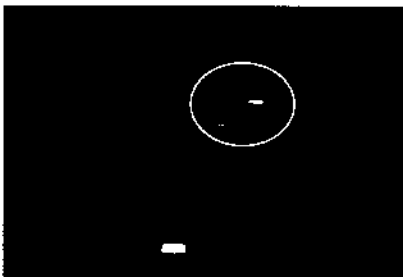
"I drove down to the opposite block, got out of my car and took a photo. By this time the object was much smaller. I did not see the red and white lights that are coming from the object in the photo."

"Just as I was about to leave my home, some five minutes before the sighting, I felt a buzzing sensation in my head, which, to say the least was very intense. It stayed with me during the sighting and did not go away until the object left."

"It's interesting to note that on a clear, cold night in May, 1996, around 10.30pm, five members of my family and I saw two pulsing orbs of brilliant white light in exactly the same place."

"These orbs had a synchronised pulse and there was no sound. We all got out of the car and by this time the orbs were closer to us, about 100 metres away. They merged and formed three orbs, each of which were almost the size of a full Moon."

"The objects stayed there for about 25 minutes before finally, slowly moving away, still pulsing. That particular week we had UFO sightings reported down the east coast of Australia, through Victoria and into South Australia. I feel fortunate that both these sightings happened within five minutes walking distance from my Adelaide home."



WHEN 'UFOs' CRASH TO EARTH

Last issue we reported how a suspected meteorite had crashed to earth near the Amazon town of Sao Felix on 9 October, 1999.



This is one of the first photographs to emerge from the scene, with a native Kaiapoh Indian looking on at the devastating aftermath of the explosion. According to Brazil's 'UFO Revista' magazine, several aircraft were later observed flying over the region, but these refused to identify themselves to local air traffic controllers.

The photograph below is of meteoric impact traces found in reeds at Guyra, some 250 miles from Sydney, on Wednesday, 8 December 2000.



A small golf-ball sized meteorite is believed responsible for causing a 50ft by 20ft crater near a local dam at the Guyra water treatment plant.

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research report sponsored by the International Space Sciences Organisation (ISSO) and posted to the internet on 25 November, 1999, bears the title Deceptive UFO Documents: Doubt, Debate and Daunting Questions.

The report includes a foreword by ISSO founder Joseph Firmage, who says that an ISSO research team (not necessarily including himself) is responsible for the body of the report.



Joe Firmage

In his foreword, Firmage argues that the question of whether or not some highly secretive, quasi-governmental group is in possession of alien information and technology is merely interesting, not fundamental to our understanding of UFO phenomena or the wider cosmos.

But, he says, if it can ever be shown that there is no such official and secret knowledge of UFOs, then one must conclude that "there has been a startlingly extensive intelligence effort aimed at convincing certain people and nations that we have such materials" (i.e. corroborative UFO data or artifacts).

As part of his November 1998 on-line publication titled 'The Truth', Firmage presented a selection of alleged Majestic Twelve (MJ-12) documents, most of which had come to light during the 1990s.

These documents have been extensively studied by the father-son team of Dr. Robert and Ryan Wood, who have consistently argued that the documents show many signs of authenticity and few signs of fraud, despite their sometimes incredible content. But in the November 1999

'Deceptive UFO Documents' report, Firmage's ISSO research team argued that the MJ-12 documents, including the original and best-known Eisenhower Briefing Document, "reveal often subtle indications of having been trade-crafted to the ends of covert psychological warfare."

While the documents are certainly not the work of casual fakers, neither are they precisely what they appear and claim to be, ISSO suggests.

The following article by leading MJ-12 document researcher Ryan S. Wood addresses the suspicion that the MJ-12 documents in their entirety may be artifacts of a complex, covert psychological warfare project, and not necessarily indicative of any real government programme aimed at studying crashed UFOs and alien technology.

The theory that professional psychological warfare and propaganda experts are or were involved with the Majestic documents is proposed on the International Space

Is MJ-12 An Elaborate L

This is a video snap-shot of the envelope which contained some of the images featured in this column. With these came documentation, including 200 previously unseen but nonetheless genuine *Project Blue Book* files. Some of the individuals that appear on these images are known, while others have yet to be positively identified. The large ink-black writing came with the images.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

Majestic Documents

Sciences Organisation web site. This paper seeks to examine this theory and other relevant probabilities related to psychological warfare and propaganda operations.

Let's begin with a couple of modern definitions of psychological warfare and psychological operations, both from the Joint Chiefs of Staff Publication 1, 1987.

PSYWAR: The planned use of propaganda and other psychological actions having the primary purpose of influencing the opinions, emotions, attitudes and behaviour of hostile foreign groups in such a way as to support achievement of national objectives.

PSYOP: Planned operations to convey selected information and indicators to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning and ultimately the behaviour of foreign governments, organisations, groups, and individuals. The purpose of psychological operations is to induce or reinforce foreign attitudes and behaviour favourable to the originator's objectives.

Most experienced corporate citizens will recognise the above basic principles of marketing, 'spin' and salesmanship.

What is different is the focus on national objectives and foreign audiences. The reader should feel comfortable that these are not exotic, exclusive, expert-only skills: it

is really just standard marketing practices, except the stakes may be higher and the tools to deliver the message may be forged documents delivered by covert means.

Psychological Warfare Casebook, Operations Research John Hopkins University, 1958: "If you give a man the correct information for seven years, he may believe the incorrect information on the first day of the eighth year when it is necessary, from your point of view, that he should do so. Your first job is to build credibility and the authenticity of your propaganda, and persuade the enemy to trust you although you are his enemy."

Do the Majestic documents show any evidence of a history of building credibility, let alone a long one, with potential targets of deception, such as the Soviet Union or China?

The goal of this paper is to answer these questions and determine the extent to which there is any real and hard evidence that covert psychological warfare techniques were used in conjunction with the Majestic documents.

It is generally conceded that only a foreign or domestic intelligence agency has the resources, intelligence and sophistication to deliver an alleged psychological warfare deception using the comprehensive, often-sophisticated, intertwined Majestic documents.



Father-son team - Dr. Robert (top) and Ryan Wood argue the documents are authentic



Deception?

Piecing together the jigsaw

No details are known of this curious craft, but the 'spark plug' array of rivet-like panels is a recognised feature.

This experimental X-plane flew in the late 1940s, but why this was included is a matter of speculation.

'Don't mess with the United States - we have extrater- restrials and their technology and amazing advanced weaponry.'

Using the law of Occam's razor, the simplest source for such materials is the United States. Targeted against whom? Naturally, the only believable target is the Soviet Union: they had nuclear capability and so did we. The alleged deception foisted on them via the documents could be, 'Don't mess with the United States - we have extraterrestrials and their technology and amazing advanced weaponry.'

Is creating an elaborate series of mutually reinforcing, incredible documents over nearly two decades necessary to accomplish credible deterrence? Hardly.

Is North Korea a viable target of deception for the Majestic documents dated before 1951?

Not really. It defies most military historians to believe that any leaked UFO document, even something as intriguing as SOM 1-01, would have changed any tactical or strategic objective, troop movement or anti-aircraft battery. Psywar was certainly used during the Korean conflict - with typical operations involving dropping leaflets out of aeroplanes urging surrender.

'Genuine' UFO reports from soldiers during military action seemed to have had no impact on the course of battles.

Again, how do these documents serve a valid, officially authorised Cold War purpose, assuming they were US-produced?

Would they desensitize Soviet air defences to the meaning of sudden unexplained radar returns? If so, how does that square with the Robertson Panel's public report available to the Soviets, which debunked UFO reports as a valid input to air defence calculations?

Would they conceal experimental aircraft development - as if anyone would doubt that we are proceeding in this direction anyway?

Would they mask some other terrestrial but overwhelming American super-technology?

This would stimulate greater espionage to acquire it; clearly undesirable.

Or do the documents create a 'firebreak' against learning an even deeper secret?

Suppose that any one of the explicit and controversial sentences, let alone entire documents, of the MJ-12 material is genuine in the sense that it was produced by a real psywar organisation.

It is conceivable to concoct a very closely similar, but intentionally different, project as a smoke-screen or firebreak against a deeper secret. Is the secret being concealed one of those truths so precious that a 'bodyguard of lies' must protect it? What would warrant such an effort?

Is the current Majestic discussion of crashed extraterrestrial discs and technology a smoke-screen for live ETs and fully functional lines of communication and technology transfer? This argument leads deeper than the debunkers can dare imagine.

If the Majestic documents are mere fabrications, how far must we go to rationalise creation of such documents? Is it credible that a crack psywar disinformation team - whether operating out of the bowels of the NSA, the underground Groom Lake mine or elsewhere - would decide to be 'really clever' and try to hide some super secret, or divert the enemy's attention by taking an existing highly secure project (MJ-12), use its actual name, subject matter, along with identifying scores of living personnel, then change presumably key details and reveal this alleged deception to a target, and potentially the public?

As one fellow researcher said to me, it's "like doing the dance of the seven veils with wet Kleenex."

A logical conclusion might be that one of the most highly protected super secrets of our time was intentionally revealed (whether to a wider public or to foreign intelligence, it does not matter).

The initial disclosure would be very risky, as it would draw attention to the general nature of the UFO and ET matter, irrespective of clouding the details, and would certainly prompt more intensive and sophisticated intelligence targeting by foreign intelligence assets.

In short, if it is a psywar operation, revealing the MJ-12 documents is inept because it will attract - and has attracted - much new attention.

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Albert Einstein
pictured with
Robert
Oppenheimer,
father of the
Atomic Bomb.
No other details
provided.

Secretary of State
James Forrestal
pictured, an
alleged MJ-12
member, pictured
with senior
USAAF officials.

Members of the
US Scientific
Advisory Board
pictured in 1947.
Others have yet
to be positively
identified.

Historical figures - Historic images

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE & THE MAJESTIC DOCUMENTS

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I can say this based on just looking at where visitors to our Website come from.

Alternatively, did the Soviets or Chinese create these materials, insert some in the files of the National Archives and Records Administration, then release most of them in the 1990s after the fall of the Berlin Wall in order to bring the capitalist enemy to its knees?

'America, your government is hiding UFOs: throw off your chains and embrace the glorious socialist future?' Judge for yourself.

Do the Majestic Documents Specifically Mention Psywar?

There is a brief explicit discussion of psychological warfare, from the 'Annual Report' of Majestic, page 3, IV-Discussion, A. Nature of the Investigation, point 5:

'Majestic SS&P are currently focused on Psy-op development for Cold War CI (counter-intelligence) activities.'

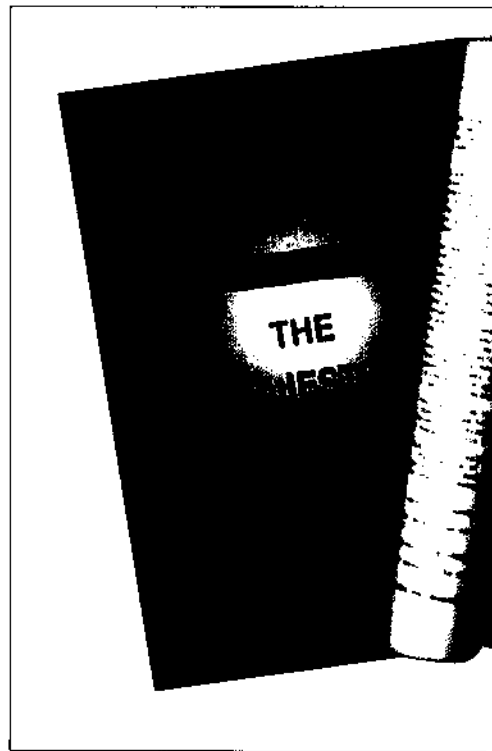
What does this mean? We know that the National Security Council (NSC) authorised an inter-disciplinary Special Studies group consisting of Army, Navy, Air Force and CIA with their May 5, 1948 directive [2].

We also know that [President] Truman made the decision to establish the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) on April 4, 1951. This further relates to UFOs when you consider who was on the PSB:

- Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall
- Secretary of War Robert Patterson
- Assistant Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray
- Chief of Staff & General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower (pictured right)
- Lt. General Albert C. Wedemeyer
- Brigadier General Robert McClure
- Lt. General J. Lawton Collins
- Major General Charles Bolte
- Undersecretary of War William Draper
- Major General Stephen Chamberlain



Many of these people are deeply involved with Majestic-12 according to other documents. Note the similarity of panel personnel between the November 1952 Eisenhower Briefing Document and the Majestic Annual Report; the team distribution has the same inter-agency structure.



The suit and style could be late 1940s and 1950s, but putting a name to the face presents a daunting task.

The same individual, but when and where was this photograph taken, and what is its potential significance?

It is believed the identity of this man is known to the Woods. They are now examining potential links to KJ-12.

'Backchannel' - Who are these people?

"If MJ-12 were in fact a real, top-secret government operation, which the government intended to keep secret, then anything using its name or orbiting around its business (such as the MJ-12 docs or SOM 1-01 manual) would not be remotely appropriate for any advertisement or publicity whatever.

"The only situation in which I could see psyop resources playing a part would be one in which the cat were out of the bag about MJ-12's existence, and the government then acted to trivialise or minimise it.

"When I saw 'Dark Skies' on television, it occurred to me that this could be one way of turning the entire topic into a 'science fiction cartoon'."

Dr. Aquino further added in a conversation that he would be very surprised if there were not a blue ribbon panel such as the membership of MJ-12 to investigate UFOs.

After all, there are high-ranking panels on all sorts of threats to national security, such as domestic biological weapons and terrorism.

Summary

Evidence of psywar involving the Majestic documents does not exist, according to expert opinions. Moreover, fundamentally the basic discriminates for determining the chance of an official government psywar and propaganda operation all fail. Is credibility established? No, there are too many errors in the documents. Is there a low risk of attracting foreign intelligence assets? No, the documents are rich in detail. Is there a clear deception objective? No, content is too varied; a multitude of objectives are present. Is there a reasonable timetable? No, [minimum] duration is currently 19 years.

FOOTNOTES

- [1] Air Force Office of Special Investigations, 17 Nov. 1980, Secret; see www.majesticdocuments.com
- [2] NARA Record Group 273, NSC 10/2, Top Secret
- [3] Ibid., page 10, Annex A Item 10
- [4] Top Secret Majestic Operation Annual Report, page 6 Item K, Intelligence Gathering and Analysis; see www.majesticdocuments.com

• A full-length version of Ryan Wood's original paper can be found at: <http://www.majesticdocuments.com/authentication/pdf/psywar.pdf>
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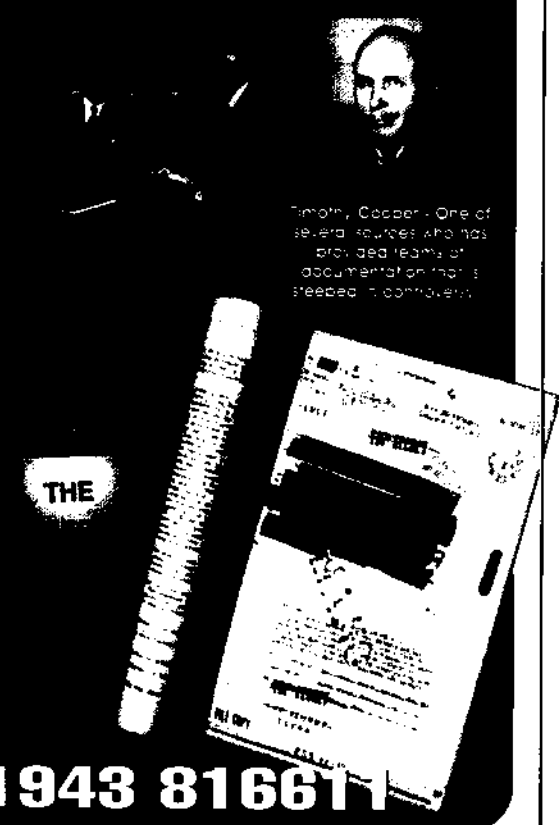
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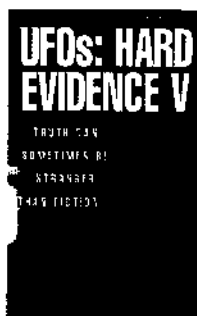
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- Christopher Martin



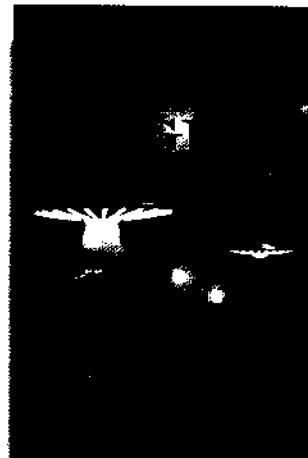
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